

**William Short to Thomas Jefferson, March 26,
1808, from the Thomas Jefferson and William Short
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Havre de Grace. Saturday [March 26, 1808]

Dear Sir

I have been so often disappointed that I was determined not again to announce my visit to Washington, until I should have set out. I left Philadelphia yesterday, & shall arrive on tuesday or wednesday. Since the roads have been in a travelling condition, I have been detained from day to day by various business with persons at New York & therefore out of my control. It was important to be done with them before I left Philadelphia & foreboded that Congress would still remain in session for some time. I wrote some time ago to Mr. Cutts as to the lodgings under his roof. He very civilly assured me that he & his party wished me there, but added that candor obliged him to say that he feared I should not find them such as I had been used to. As the locality pleases me, & as I am acquainted with Mr. & Mrs. Cutts, I shall stop there at a venture. I have real pleasure in the anticipation of again seeing you, & beg you to receive assurances of the best wishes of dear sir, yours most sincerely & truly.

W. Short

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